

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the two paragraphs beginning at page 31, line 7, as follows:

[0076] Accordingly, the toner discharging unit 183 according to an embodiment shown in FIGS. 13 to 15 is divided into an inner component [[90]] 195 and an outer component 91, both components supporting the O-rings 89. Specifically, the inner component [[90]] 195 has an engagement groove 93 for engaging the O-rings 89. The outer component 91 is provided with an attachment 94 for attaching the inner component [[90]] 195, the container fixing unit 88, a retainer 95 for retaining the O-rings 89 engaged by the engagement groove 93. When the O-rings 89 are engaged within the engagement groove 93 to attach the inner component [[90]] 195 to the outer component 91, they are retained by the retainer 95 to thereby prevent the O-rings 89 from slipping out.

[0077] The shutter hole 87 is provided across the inner component [[90]] 195 and the outer component 91 to attach the inner component [[90]] 195 to the attachment 94 of the outer component 91 and to insert the shutter 92 into the shutter hole 87 so that the inner component [[90]] 195 is assembled into the outer component 91. Further, easy operation of extracting the shutter 92 enables the toner discharging unit 183 to be divided into the inner component [[90]] 195 and the outer component 91. Therefore, when the shutter 92 is moved widely or extracted with toner container 80 filled with toner, toner is prone to overflow from it so that the shutter 92 provides a diameter of 8 mm at maximum, preferably, 6 mm to avoid moving the shutter 92 with a finger. That is, when the shutter 92 has a diameter of 10 mm, toner frequently leaks with a finger moving the shutter 92 so that the shutter 92 is set within a 8 mm diameter.

Please amend the paragraph beginning at page 34, line 16, as follows:

[0082] As shown in FIGS. 17 and 18, the enclosure 99 includes an open and close folder 103 which has the separated toner container 80 for each color and is attached to a body frame 101 with a rotation shaft 102. The open and close folder 103 is pivotally mounted with respect to the body frame 101 between a closed position shown in FIG. 18 and a tilt position shown in FIG. 19. The open and close folder 103 is provided with a pair of nozzle guide members (not shown) and a guide tube 105 at the bottom thereof. The nozzle guide members slideably support a nozzle 110. The guide tube 105 is slideably engaged with a slider 106 for returning the inserted nozzle 110. The open and close folder 103 is provided with a fixed cover 115 on an outside surface thereof. Further, the open and close folder 103 has an open and close handle [[120]] 125 on the top thereof movably mounted in the vertical direction. The open and close handle [[120]] 125 includes a stopper 121 for engaging the open and close folder 103 at the closed position when the open and close folder 103 can be lifted by manually to the closed position. The handle [[120]] 125 is made of resin and integrally forms a resilient arm 122 at the bottom thereof. The resilient arm 122 lifts the handle [[120]] 125 to its uppermost position at all times. The nozzle 110 is of the same diameter as the shutter 92.

Please amend the paragraph beginning at page 36, line 13, as follows:

[0085] When the thus-structured enclosure 99 is pulled out with the handle [[120]] 125 positioning downward, the stopper 121 disengages from an engagement groove 123 of the body frame 101 to pivot the open and close folder 103 about the rotation shaft 102 to the position where the bottom of the folder 103 contacts with the frame 101 as shown in FIG. 19. The folder 103 then moves to a tilt position, where the nozzle 110 is retracted inward as shown on the left hand side of FIG. 18. At this position, the toner container 80 is pushed with

the toner discharging unit 183 downward so that the shutter 92 of the toner discharging unit 183 is lowered to a position opposed to the nozzle 110 which is held at the position where the pawl 112 contacts with the nozzle guide members by the compression spring 113.